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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Extent of Covert Action Briefings on Hill

Bill,

1. A few days ago you asked [ ] to check on the number of Senate and House oversight Members and staffers currently receiving briefings on CA Findings as opposed to the number that received such briefings before the October 1980 law, which reduced Committees briefed from seven to the two Oversight Committees.

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2. It seems your concern was that despite the reduced briefing obligation, we might be briefing more Members and staffers now than we did before the 1980 law. A quick look at the statistics were inconclusive so we have taken the time to recall some records for a more thorough look.

3. Our findings are this: In the year since the law, we have briefed 191 Members and 223 staffers. In the year prior to the law, we briefed 331 Members and 277 staffers. Surprisingly, in the year since the law, there were [ ] as compared to [ ] before the law. Finally, in the year since the law, there were 50 Committee briefings, whereas before the law there were 98. These comparisons are easily seen on the table attached.

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4. Another question you asked was "How many staffers are currently on each of the Oversight Committees?" There are 30 professional staffers on the SSCI; six of them are cleared for CA briefings. There are 14 professional staffers on HPSCI; six are cleared for CA briefings.

5. I hope this is responsive to your needs, but if you need more, please let me know.

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